

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Susan Brannelly, Chair; Richard Paoletto, James Holloway, Angel dePara; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Council President Thomas McCarthy

OTHERS: Ken Hayes, Gathering of the Vibes; Jennifer McBurney, Gathering of the Vibes; Andy Nunn, Police Chief Joseph Gaudett; City Attorney Mark Anastasi (5:58 p.m.); Charles Carroll, Director of Public Faculties (6:17 p.m.)

CALL TO RECONVENE.

Council Member Brannelly called the recessed meeting of December 11, 2012 back to order at 5:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

07-12 Proposed License Extension Agreement for the Gathering of the Vibes

Mr. Nunn said that he was present to represent the administration and that Mr. Carroll would be arriving soon. He said that after speaking with Mr. Hayes, the City has come up with a contract that is fair to both parties. He mentioned that Mr. Hayes has agreed to work on the minority contract issues. Mr. Nunn said that there were some questions about whether the amount of the reimbursement from Mr. Hayes would be sufficient to cover the costs.

Chief Gaudett said that after many discussions, the dollar amount of the contract was arrived at and that is the amount that he would live within. Council Member Holloway asked if there this was a 24 hour service contract. Chief Gaudett said that it was.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she wanted to have the contract amended so that if there were additional expenses, it would not come from the taxpayers. Mr. Nunn said that the details of the coverage had been taken into consideration and both parties had agreed upon the figure. He added that there was a COLA clause that would adjust the amount. Mr. Hayes also provides a level of security at the event as well.

Chief Gaudett said that the security and public safety had been increased over the past few years and that incidents at the event had decreased.

City Atty. Mark Anastasi joined the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Council Member dePara asked about the previous efforts in preventing incidents such as drug deals. Chief Gaudett replied that the City Police work with the State Police. Mr. Nunn reminded everyone that the event brings high visibility to the City and that there are always going to be issues. Chief Gaudett said that everyone has the same goal in regard to the Vibes and that is to have everyone to come and feel safe. His department provides public safety.

Council President McCarthy said that he was present for the end of the negotiations and was very strong for pushing to update the contracts. Now that he had seen how large the Vibes event is, it was clear that there needed to be a clear, strong police presence. Council President McCarthy said that he felt this is was good number and was comfortable with the agreement.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked whom the Harbor Control reports to. Mr. Nunn said that the Harbor Command reports directly to him and the Harbor Police reports to the Police Chief. The Harbor Police shifts will be adjusted accordingly.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she did not want extra shifts or having the costs come from the taxpayers. Mr. Nunn said that the shifts were staggered to cover the events. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the Fire Department had been on site and she wanted to know about that coverage. Mr. Nunn reviewed the coverage and said that the Fire Marshals are on site as required. The ambulances on site are paid for by Mr. Hayes.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was nothing in the contract about the Fire Department. Mr. Nunn replied that the cost was paid through the permitting processing. That covers the Health Department, the Fire Department and other services. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she wanted to clarify that.

Council Member dePara asked about the changes in the contract. Atty. Anastasi distributed copies of the corrected contract to the Council Members.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ENTER THE CORRECTED
EXTENSION AGREEMENT INTO THE RECORD AS EXHIBIT #2-12/17/12.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Atty. Anastasi reviewed the changes that had been made in the contract as requested. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked about the details of the COLA agreement and other details, which Atty. Anastasi reviewed with the Committee.

Mr. Nunn left the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia expressed concerns about the legality of the original contract and asked for clarification regarding the identities of the parties. Atty. Anastasi said that the amendment was to the original contract, which identified the parties.

Mr. Hayes then pointed out that regarding Item #8, it was actually \$5.00 per camping ticket, not camping motor vehicle.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO AMEND THE CORRECTED EXTENSION AGREEMENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Carroll joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE BY SUBSTITUTION AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE BY SUBSTITUTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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